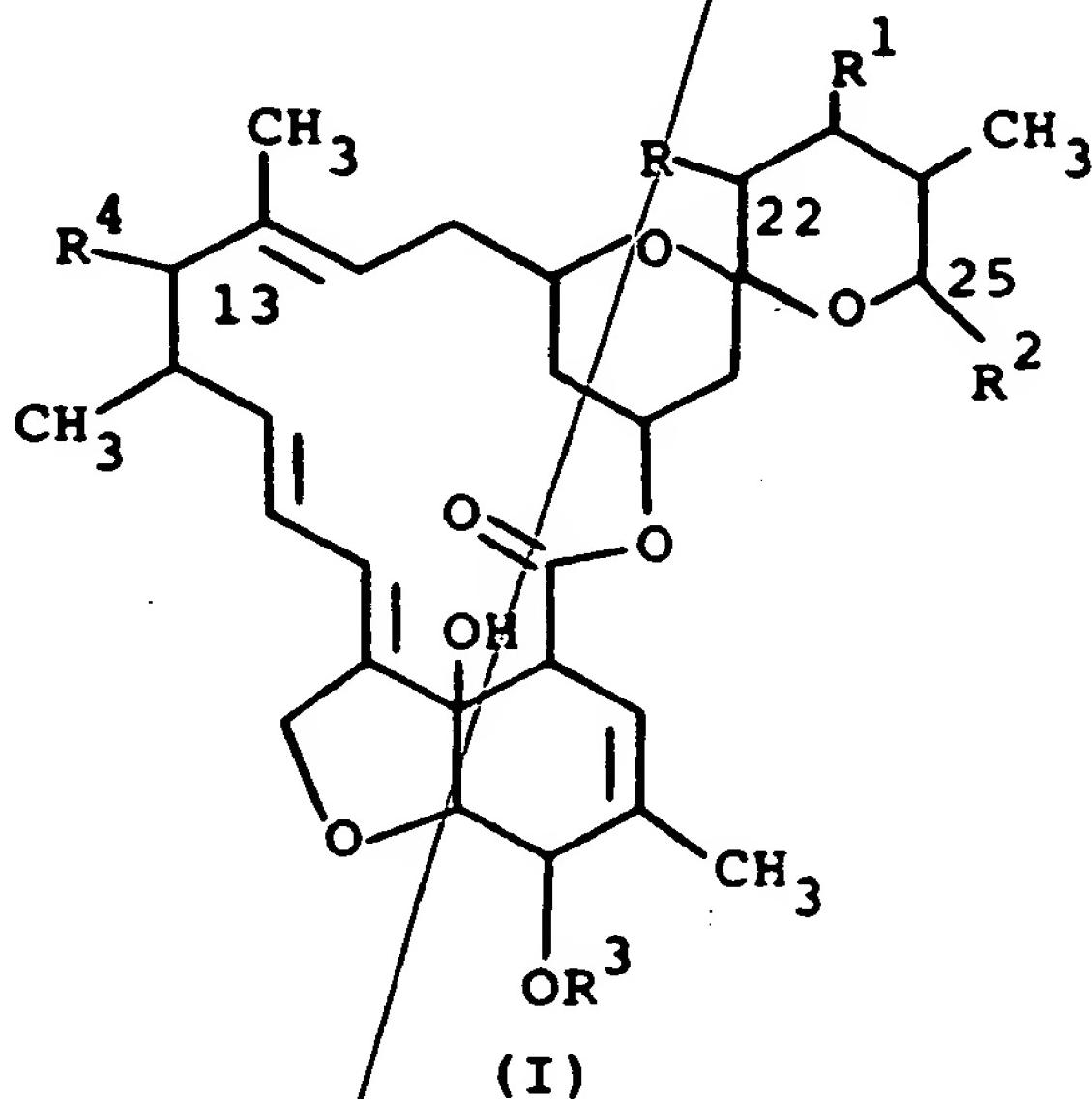


IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Amended). A compound having the formula



wherein R when taken individually is H; R¹ when taken individually is H or OH; R and R¹ when taken together represent a double bond;

R² is an alpha-branched C₃-C₈ alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl group; a C₅-C₈ cycloalkylalkyl group wherein the alkyl group is an alpha-branched C₂-C₅ alkyl group; a C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or C₅-C₈ cycloalkenyl group, either of which may be substituted by methylene or one or more C₁-C₄ alkyl groups or halo atoms; or a 3 to 6 membered oxygen or sulphur containing heterocyclic ring which may be saturated, or fully or partially unsaturated and which may be substituted by one or more C₁-C₄ alkyl groups or halo atoms;

R³ is hydrogen or methyl;